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Officials tighten security

By JENNIFER BARTKIW
and DAVE JOHNSON
Staff Writers

Ontario Hydro officials are taking no chances in dealing with the possibility of terrorist attacks.

"Measures have been stepped up at all major facilities within the past week," Alan Manchee, communications officer for Ontario Hydro, said in a recent telephone interview.

"Prudent steps to boost security were taken weeks ago in which security was reviewed and implemented," Ivan Lloyd, corporate relations officer southwestern region for Ontario Hydro, said. "All adult tours at the nuclear plants have been cancelled. However, the student tours are continuing."

Mr. Lloyd said Ontario Hydro has been reviewing security for the past month with new security measures lasting until the Persian Gulf war is over.

"There are several levels of security and right now we are at level one which means extra measures are being taken," Mr. Lloyd said. "At level three the army is brought in."

Ontario Hydro gets an average of five threats a year so security is always given top priority.

During an interview Monday, Mr. Lloyd said a terrorist threat was received earlier this month. "Richard Hern generating station in Toronto, an abandoned plant, had to evacuate staff from the building."

Ontario Hydro has 68 hydraulic plants, three nuclear plants, six coal plants, and transformers in Ontario.

"A corporate security group makes the decision to increase security and Hydro has increased security with their own staff not police," Mr. Lloyd said.

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First-year Electronic Engineering Technology student Ryan Hanlin (at left) browses through some of the records offered for sale at the Radio-Broadcast program's "final vinyl sale" held Wedneday.

Photo by Robert Finlay

Final vinyl blowout 'huge success'

By ROBERT FINLAY
Staff Writer

The Radio-Broadcast program billed its album sale as a "final vinyl blowout" with the event living up to its name by being "one of the most hugely successful" promotional and fund-raising events in the Broadcast-Radio and Television program.

More than $500 was raised by radio instructor Cliff Elford and his second and third-year students, who spent Wednesday hawking their wares to hundreds of eager buyers.

"It really couldn't have gone any better," Mr. Elford said. "We would have been happy to make $200 on the whole thing and we made that by 9 a.m. People were trying to buy records as we walked out to set up the sale."

Many students rifled through more than 400 record albums, extended play albums and compact discs with titles as diverse as 'Belly Dancing Made Easy' and 'Dueling Banjos'.

Whatever the titles, however, response to the sale was overwhelming, Doug Ryckman, a third-year student, said.

"A lot of people were really happy with what they found," he said. "I saw quite a few people come by several times just to check out the albums."

Along with records, nine students won prizes ranging from free limousine service to cassette tapes and compact discs.

Mr. Elford said the money raised in the sale will be used to upgrade Niagara College's radio station, CRNC, by buying about 100 new compact discs for the station's recently-acquired CD player equipment.

"People will notice the benefits by what they hear on the radio," he said.

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Name that centre

Anyone need a hundred bucks?

If you do, a pen and a little imagination may be all you need to get it.

The Student Administrative Council is sponsoring a contest to name Niagara College's new student centre. First prize is $100.

Students are asked to submit names to the SAC office no later than noon, Feb. 8, Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, said.

"We have a committee that will judge the ballots and pick the winning one. We've already received at least half a dozen ballots, and we want more submissions with good names."

Ballots can be dropped at the SAC office, ME101.

College violence under scrutiny

Bev Brown is the new chair of a task force dealing with the issue of violence at Niagara College. She is an instructor in the Education Resources and Special Needs program.

Vice-chair is Hugo Bessems, international student advisor.

Thirty-three people, including students, faculty, administration and support staff, attended yesterday's meeting at Hennepin Hall.

From those 33, a 13-member committee was selected to examine the issue of violence, including a definition of violence and possible college solutions.

The meeting was chaired by John Saso, college president, who said the committee should consist of at least 50 per cent women.

The committee includes four students, four faculty representatives, three support staff and two administration representatives.

"I will help in any way I can," Mr. Saso said. "I will find space and time for meetings. I don't know if we can change social attitudes, but it's a start."

All Niagara College campuses are represented. Each committee member has an alternate representative. For example, Shane Forsyth is a Welland representative from the Student Administrative Council, while Karen Gibson, a second-year journalism student, is the alternate representative.

The committee has not set a date for its next meeting at which it will discuss its role and mandate.

New term, new thieves

Three parking permits have been stolen from inside cars since the beginning of the winter term.

"It's starting all over again," Linda Maidens, building operations supervisor, said. "New students are going to have to be told that this is an ongoing problem that happens at the beginning of every registration. They're going to have to be reminded to keep their doors locked and of the penalty if caught with a stolen permit.

The penalty for anyone caught with a stolen permit will be a suspension of college parking privileges and possible police action.

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Vinyl blowout 'success'

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For Doug Ryckman, the sale was an opportunity to not only learn valuable promotional lessons but to leave something of lasting significance at the college.

"We all had a good time. It was good because we had to come up to real-radio standards while we were doing this; it's about as real as you can get and still be in college. It's also a good way to make the transition from vinyl to compact disc," he said.

Mr. Elford said he was pleased with the success of the sale and the performance by the students in carrying out the project. The BRTV program spent nothing on the sale as all the records had been donated through the years and the students put together promotional and advertising packages for free.

"As far as a radio promo, it couldn't have gone any better. They (the students) all did extrememly well. They hustled for prizes and free advertising. It was a really good learning experience, which really was the point of the thing," he said.

Prize winners included two students, Ian Prince and Ed Tirums, and instructor Brian Green, who each won a free hour of limousine service.

Mr. Elford said the sale proved that promotion does not have to cost a lot of money and can still be beneficial.

"We had something we weren't using and instead of letting it collect dust we turned it into something useful for the station," he said.

Mr. Elford has been through many promotional campaigns, including one in which he won the Broadcast Promotion Association award in 1985 while working at radio station CJBK in London, Ont. The promotion was billed as a "weekend in a hick town" in which the prize winners would be treated to a day in a small town near London. Prize winners were awarded a trip to Arva, Ont., where they were given $1.29 in spending money and a parade through the town.

Mr. Elford said the sale was "extremely beneficial for everyone" in many ways.

"It was a total success as a fund-raising event, as a learning experience and as a service to students," he said.

Wine lovers have club

Wine tasters unite!

The Hospitality and Tourism Centre's wine and beverages instructor Peter Sullivan would like to increase the profile of the Niagara College Wine Club.

"What we do is bring in a speaker every month who speaks on a different facet of wine or from a different area," he said. "For example, we had a fellow from New Zealand last month."

Mr. Sullivan said the club's next meeting, Monday, Feb. 4, should be interesting. A club member, who is an amateur wine maker, will be bringing in fellow amateurs. "We're going to taste those wines in comparison to some professionally made wines," he said.

The wine club meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the dining room of the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls. It holds seven meetings a year between September and March with a dinner at the Hospitality Centre after the last meeting. It costs $90 to join.

The club meetings are open to non-members who are asked to pay $20 for the evening.

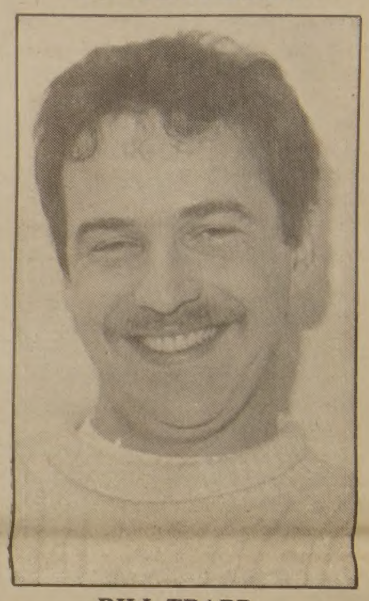
'Cutbacks won't affect us'

Despite huge CBC layoffs, broadcast students positive

LAURIE ANN FALLIS

LISA SALVADOR

DOUG RYCKMAN



BILL TRAPP

The Canadian broadcast market has been rocked in the past month by the massive layoffs at the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Over 1,100 CBC employees, all with years of experience, are now competing for jobs in the private sector. As well, student opportunities with the CBC are severely cutback as many stations were shut down.

Third-year Radio-Broadcast instructor Cliff Elford discussed this issue with his class recently. Reactions were confident for the most part, with many students agreeing the CBC would not be a place where they would find immediate employment in any case.

"The CBC has kind of been the place where broadcasters go to die," Mr. Elford said.

"I don't think the CBC cuts will affect us that much. If you're good, you're going to get a job," Laurie Ann Fallis, third-year broadcasting student, said.

"No one from here (Niagara College) will end up going to the CBC right away, so the cutbacks won't directly affect us," Lisa Salvador, third-year broadcasting student, said.

"We (students) have an advantage in that we can do a variety of jobs, travel to other places for a job or take an entry-level position to start off," Doug Ryckman, third-year broadcasting student, said.

"The CBC layoffs will make us more competitive and raise our standards (of professionalism) within the industry," Bill Trapp, third-year broadcasting student, said.

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Ministry of Immigration to sponsor refugee students

By CATHERINE DENISON
Staff Writer

This September, for the first time in Ontario, English as a Second Language students will be eligible for federal funding as full-time students.

Niagara is the sole college in the province, subject to the Academic Officers Committee's approval, to offer the program.

"This is a real breakthrough...a first in Ontario.... It opens up whole new vistas for (immigrants and refugees)," said Gary Webb, English Development co-ordinator.

Students will take 10 hours of English as a Second Language classes and 14 hours of post-secondary classes a week. This will qualify them as full-time students and will make them eligible for government grants, he said.

The Ministry of Immigration and Citizenship sponsors immigrants and refugees for one year of language instruction, then funding stops and students are on their own, Mr. Webb said.

"Up until now, students who have had problems have been on their own in all the colleges.... Some (immigrants) have tried to come to college (after one year of instruction).... Many have dropped out (trying) to get the language skills to read textbooks.... (The new agreement with the federal government) will open up the college for all kinds of people," he said.

Gaylene Levesque, English as a Second Language instructor, and Mr. Webb recently addressed immigrant and refugee students in two Niagara region high schools. They received a very positive response, he said.

"Twenty-five to 30 students (at Merriton High School) stayed afterwards. Three walked right down to get applications to the college," Mr. Webb said.

"In the Niagara region there are over 400 refugee families. Right now they are cut off from post-secondary education and the opportunity to upgrade themselves," he said.

At Hamilton's Sir John A Macdonald High School, there are 250 students in the program, Mr. Webb said. Since Mohawk College does not have the mandate to offer English as a Second Language as a post-secondary option for the general course, it is likely Niagara College will draw Hamilton students, he said.

Mr. Webb said he recently had a call from a man in Hong Kong, whose son is an international student, requesting information about the program planned for September.

"The word is spreading," Mr. Webb said.

Neil McGregor, director of Human Services Division, and Alexandra Fic, co-ordinator of General College Program, have been very supportive of the need to address the problems of immigrant students and support the new program planned for September, subject to committee approval, Mr. Webb said.

Knockin' down pins helps Big Brothers win

For its sixth year, the Educational Resource and Special Needs program is participating in the Welland Big Brothers Bowl for Millions campaign.

However, the format this year has changed. In previous years, the Bowl for Millions was held on one Saturday afternoon. This year it will be expanded over two days, Saturday, Feb. 2 and Saturday, Feb. 9 at Bowl-O-Rama, Niagara Street, Welland.

A $125 per team entry fee was charged in past years, but this year there is no fee. A minimum $7 pledge will be required from each bowler. This should encourage more people to participate in the event, Janette Thompson, organizer for the Educational Resources and Special Needs program bowlers, said.

Last year the Educational Resource and Special Needs program received an award for being the most consistent group to contribute the largest amount of money each year to Bowl for Millions.

Big Brothers has held the event for 10 years, and is hopeful of attracting more than 600 participants this year. There will be 53 Educational Resource and Special Needs students participating. The five-person teams will each play one 45-minute game.

Interested bowlers can pick up pledge sheets at Dietrick's, at the Seaway Mall information centre, or at Bowl-O-Rama. Sponsored bowlers can call the Big Brothers office at 735-0570 to schedule a lane, time and day to bowl.

Awards will be handed out at a presentation in March. This year's prize for the top adult money-earner will be a microwave oven. The top youth money-earner will receive a 12-speed bicycle.

Graduation ceremonies

A class of 21 hospital orderly students, including six females, will graduate today, Doris Evans, program co-ordinator at Mount Carmel campus in Niagara Falls, said. The program is four months long.

The graduation ceremonies will be held at 11 a.m. at the college's Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls. Merit awards will be presented, Ms Evans said.

Coffee and cake will be served after the ceremonies.

ROVING REPORTER

An overwhelming 73 per cent of Canadians support the U.S.-led attack on Iraq, an Angus Reid-Southam News poll reported earlier this week.

However, the poll found only 36 per cent believe Canadian troops should take an offensive role.

Niagara News asked seven students their reaction to the 10-day Persian Gulf war and whether they thought Canadian ground troops should fight in the war.

PAUL FORTIER

"Honestly, I don't know anything about it, I haven't been listening to any of the newscasts or anything," Paul Fortier, second-year Fashion Arts student, said. "No! From what I know about it. It's with the United States. I don't know what we (Canadians) have to do with it."

GRAIG COCHRANE

"I think it's unfortunate that it had to happen, but I don't think you can let people like Saddam Hussein continue in the ways that he's been doing," Graig Cochrane, third-year Business Administration student, said. "I think they should do everything possible to keep the UN forces doing what they are doing at the moment."

"I think they had to do it; you just can't let Hussein go, and let's hope that it ends quick," Chuck Deraaf, General College student, said. "I don't think that we (Canadian ground troops) are trained well enough to."

STEVEN CASSIDY

"I don't believe that they (UN forces) should be there, but since they are we should give them our support because they are protecting us. It's not about gas or oil, it's about their (the Iraqis) behavior," Steven Cassidy, Law and Security student, said. "Yes, they (Canadian ground troops) belong there because they're supporting the United Nations."

"It's stupid. I think they (UN forces) should be there though. I think they should keep fighting until Saddam Hussein is out of there," Lisa Reynolds, Information Systems student, said. "Yes, I think so, as an allied force."

LISA WEISS

"I think it sucks. I think the Americans had the right to do what they did, and Saddam Hussein should be shot," Lisa Weiss, first-year Journalism student, said. "I think if they have to be there they should. If we have to use ground troops then we should, but only if they think they're going to win, not if they think they have no chance."

MEREILLE BUITENHUIS

"I think they should put an end to the Persian Gulf War. I think that a lot of lives are being lost through it, and a lot of architectural buildings are being destroyed," Mereille Buitenhuis, Interior Design student, said. "I think Canada is a free country, and I feel that if it gets out of hand Canadians in the army should fight, but not any Canadians outside the army."

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Editorials

Nameless bundle

Parents seek name

The labor pains are nearly over and the birth is close at hand. The college stork is about to drop a nameless bundle of bricks — the student centre — into the arms of the campus.

It is here that a problem arises — what shall we name the campus family's newest addition?

Fortunately, the proud parents of this considerably big baby — Student Administrative Council — who conceived and are carrying the backbreaking weight of it, have made an irresistible offer to their fast-asleep relatives — find a suitable name for it.

The choosing of the name must be done cautiously. It would not do for the centre to have a name that could be ridiculed as immature and childish. No, it must have a name worthy of its place on the Niagara College campus. It must have a name that will distinguish it among its close-knit family. But what?

The parents — SAC — are so eager to name their unborn, unbouncing bundle of joy, they are willing to sell its silverspoon — a $100 cheque — to the relative who finds the most suitable name.

If suggestions are few, the little block of bricks may end up being called something unusual — the new building. Pity, don't you think?

Tara Grabell

College destruction

Vandals immature

Several incidents of vandalism in the past weeks draw into consideration certain questions about our student body.

By the time we reach the age to attend a college or university, it would seem reasonable to expect a certain modicum of behavior. We are either going on the far side of being a teenager, or past it, and are getting ready for life and work in the real world. Post-secondary eduaction should be a barometer of how we will act and respond in the world.

But, looking around the college at the destruction that has taken place — fists through windows, stolen and destroyed property, graffiti — one must wonder what it is saying about us. Take the seemingly insignificant graffiti. Is it harming anyone? No, not really, but it does disturb. Much of the graffiti shows students as racist, nationalistic bigots. Anti-American statements and racial slurs predominate.

This may just be the workings of a bored mind and no way reflects the personality of the writer, but it seems unlikely. We all harbor prejudices, even if they are deeply buried. These graffitists, however, are very cognizant of their likes and dislikes, so much so they deem it fit to share them with the world.

And although writing on walls is probably a harmless expression of one's thoughts, Ernst Zundel and Jim Keegstra had to start someplace.

Richard Douglas

Bullpit

No one wins the game of war

By KAREN GIBSON
Staff Writer

Does anyone win in war?

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein called President George Bush's bluff and plunged the world into a game of chance. The stakes are high; the jackpot is peace.

The dealer is Hussein who is gambling with the lives of innocent people, innocent people who are playing a game of 52 pickup trying to piece things together.

A lay-down hand has been dealt neighboring countries, such as Saudi Arabia, Israel, Kuwait, Syria, and Iran, who spin on the roulette wheel of misfortune.

Canada has passed on the deal preferring to watch over the shoulders of players while Canadian troops shuffle between escort and sweep roles.

The players are well suited. Hussein has dug his army into Kuwait, a spadeful at a time and protects it like a precious diamond.

Troops sanctioned by the United Nations go to war behind a heart of peace with clubs for weapons.

Everyday that peace is alluded, the human ante is raised. The name of the game should be peace, but Hussein will not throw in his hand.

Keep Smiling

CANADIAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION

Dental clinic continues

The Dental Assistant program, on the third floor of the Simcoe building, will continue its restoration clinic for another five weeks. All dental work is done by registered dentists. Clinics are held Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling 735-2211, extension 758.

Correction

In the Niagara News, Vol. 21, No. 7, published Jan 11, 1991, in a story on females taking the hospital orderly course at Mount Carmel we incorrectly stated it was due to the waiting list for the registered nursing course.

It is the nursing assistant course these women are taking after their orderly training, not the RN course.

We apologize for any inconvenience or embarrassment this may have caused.

Letters

Proud to be Canadian

Dear Editor:

I am a Canadian citizen who is proud of my country and its heritage.

Like many Canadians, I revel in the fact many countries view Canada as a peacekeeping nation.

So why then has Prime Minister Brian Mulroney sent a handful of "rusted" inadequate warships and a small collection of CF-18s to the Persian Gulf?

Since Mr. Mulroney was unable to convince United States President George Bush to avert war, the responsibility should be handed to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark.

May God help us!

A brief history note. Does any Canadian remember former prime minister Lester B. Pearson? The former prime minister ordered United Nations peacekeeping troops to ensure the Suez Canal stayed open maintaining peace between Egypt and its enemies. His action may have prevented a third World War thus winning the coveted Nobel Peace Prize in 1956.

Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of the Gulf war crisis was a sign I came across earlier — a lady clad in black carrying a snow-white sign with the slogan "No blood for oil!" This slogan sums up the crisis in a nutshell.

Why should Canada spill its blood over American interests? Canada's oil supply primarily comes from Alberta and the Hibernia Oil Fields with only a small percentage from Iraq.

All of which makes me wonder, "Whose war is it anyway?"

Why has the world fallen to the impatience and greed of Washington? How could President Bush tell the world he believes in peace while he ordered more troops into the Middle East?

As a proud Canadian I hoped my country could have denounced the madness of Saddam Hussein and avert global warfare over oil.

I was wrong.

May God help us!

Mark Powley
First-year journalism student

No harassment here

Dear Editor:

Everyone who sits in "eyeball alley" is not harassing anyone. Many people sit with friends in a convenient spot near the mini-cafeteria. Also, females are not the only people being stared at.

Many girls who sit in that hallway and other areas in the school stare at males constantly. Finally, don't be sexually biased in thinking you are the only people being stared at and don't flatter yourself.

It goes both ways.

Lee Mooney

Don't flatter yourself

Dear Editor:

If you feel like you are being harassed just relax and don't flatter yourself. If you don't want to be looked at like a stripper, don't dress like one.

Ron Campaigne,
Electric Technology Program
Robyn Vandepoele,
Business administration, Accounting Co-op
Anna Maioio,
General College

Low self-confidence

Dear Editor:

It's too bad your confidence is so low that you are intimidated by men. Your view is promoting the view that women are a piece of meat. Maybe if you stop long enough to get to know some of the "clothes-stripping eyeballs and perverted tongues" you'll get to know them for who they really are and maybe you'll make a few friends in the process. Unless you're too afraid.

Julie Silvestrone,
Early Childhood Education program

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FOCUS

War close to home for student in reserves

By JENNIFER BARTKIW
Staff Writer

War is on everyone's mind. But for Sonya Feeney, a supplementary reserve in the Canadian military, the reality of the Gulf war hits close to home.

"Some of the people I've grown up with are over there and it's pretty scary especially when you think you might never see these people again. Nothing hits home more than when you see that person not there anymore," Sonya, third-year marketing management student, said.

At 12, Sonya joined the Cadets Instructors List. "It is an organization, usually pre-military or pre-reserve, for kids between the ages of 12 and 18," she said.

"In March 1990 I transferred to the supplementary reserves which are forces that aren't in active duty but in case of war they are called on," Sonya said.

For the past five years Sonya has been an officer with the reserves and admits she is worried about former students she taught who are now being sent into combat. "I taught them (students) when they were younger and got them into the mind 'I want to go in the army'. I just hope they learned enough to keep safe."

Meanwhile, Sonya, 23, is in the process of enlisting in the artillery in Niagara Falls. "I'm just waiting for a medical report and then I would be enlisted in the artillery."

However, Sonya admits she is debating whether or not she will enter the artillery unit at this time. "So much has happened; when I first went in there wasn't a war going on. I don't know if I want to go in, enlist and say hi here I am. I'm ready to fight," Sonya said.

Sonya realizes the supplementary reserve will be the last military force called to war before conscription. "I'm not really worried about being sent down to the Gulf," Sonya said.

INTEREST INCREASING

Interest in joining the armed forces is on the rise, yet Sonya is taking into consideration the reasons why people want to sign up. "Enlisting and recruiting are really on an upswing right now

SONYA FEENEY

because of this whole thing (war), but just because they're signing up doesn't mean they're going to the Gulf. The chances of that are quite slim," Sonya said.

"It depends why they're signing up. A lot of people are signing up because they're war hungry. They just want to go and kill somebody . . . I don't think people realize the big impact it has," she said.

The role of women in the army — especially combat — has dramatically changed over the years but Sonya admits some of the men's attitudes haven't. "I've grown up in the military. You get a lot of harassment from the guys; you have to learn to be one of the guys," Sonya said.

"I think Canada should be more active in the Gulf. It is about time Canada got off the back burner and actually did something," Sonya said. "I think Canada has some of the best trained troops because that's all they do is train. They weren't really involved in the Vietnam or Korean Wars. The most involvement we have had was in Quebec."

"It would be a great morale booster for Canada and bring the country a lot closer together," Sonya said.

Sonya has many friends in the military who are in the Persian Gulf area already or will soon be sent. "I am worried about it. I wouldn't say I think about it every day because it's not directly affecting us (Canada). I think I'll get more worried when actual shooting starts."

Sonya credits her family's history in the military for sparking her interest in the armed forces. "My dad was a captain in the navy, my mom was in the navy, my grandfather and grandmather were both in the Second World War and all my uncles and aunts are in the military. I guess it was just inbred.

"At first I didn't want to join (the military). I thought this was so queer; I don't want to wear army boots," Sonya said. "I joined and loved it. I really got into the drill and rifle and thought it was fantastic."

"The military has sent a medical team from CFB London (to the Gulf) in case they need them; it's better to have them there than to have to send for them later," Sonya said.

In the future, Sonya wants to continue her education but doesn't plan on making the military a career. "I plan to go to school in September; I want to take a physiotherapy course. I won't make the military a career," Sonya said.

Sonya said the decision to send more Canadian troops to the Gulf rests in the hands of the Minister of Defense in co-operation with the government and military intelligence. "They're very hush hush. A lot of times they know what's going on but they're just not saying," Sonya said.

Training hasn't changed much for the troops in preparation for combat in the Middle East. "Training is all basically the same. All wars are basically the same. People die. You know your weapon; you know your job," Sonya said.

Although she supports Canada's role in the Gulf, she does not believe fighting is the answer. "I strongly believe they shouldn't be fighting. A lot of people think if you're in the reserves you must be for war. If they (military) called me down I would go because I signed up . . . and that's what happens."

"It's (the military) really good in terms of self-esteem. I learned a lot . . . I used to be a shy person. The military brought me out. I have no problems going up to people and talking to them," Sonya said.

Sonya speaks highly of the military and what it has done for her. "I've received excellent opportunities, I received an excellent education. I met people from all over the world and I got to travel," Sonya said.

Women important in war

By KAREN GIBSON
Staff Writer

As in the Second World War, women are playing a role in the Persian Gulf war.

"There are 30 to 40 women on the supply ship HMSC Protecteur stationed in the Persian Gulf," Petty Officer Tim Muise, Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre in St. Catharines, said.

The HMSC Protecteur is a supply ship posted to the Persian Gulf in August to help enforce United Nations trade sanctions against Iraq.

"The women are on the supply ship Protecteur which is capable of defending itself. There are no women aboard the two destroyers, the Athabaskan and the Terra Nova."

"Women played various roles in the Second World War, particularly after manpower demands called on them to replace men in civillian jobs.

Many women's auxiliaries were formed while the need for coordination forced the establishment of Volunteer Services in 1941, responsible for recruiting, organizing and training women's corps.

AUXILIARY FORCE

Naval authorities felt there was no need for a women's auxiliary force within the naval service and only 20 women were needed as drivers of trucks and cars.

In January 1942, with the expansion of the war effort, the navy asked the British for help in establishing a Canadian organization similar to the Women's Royal Navy Service.

A temporary loan of three qualified Women's Royal Navy Service officers helped establish the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service.

Interviews were held and 67 women were chosen to attend a probationary course at Kingsmill House, Ottawa.

By April 1942, the Women's Canadian Naval Service consisted of 150 officers and 2,700 ratings. Women worked at shore jobs such as cooks, postal clerks, stenographers, stewards, motor-transport drivers, coders and teletype operators.

At the end of the war there were 39 branches of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service. Unlike the Britih naval service, these organizations were mainly concerned with unspecialized duties.

WOMEN'S ROYAL NAVAL SERVICE

The British Women's Royal Navy recruits first appeared in uniform in January 1918. Although the organization was disbanded at the end of the First World War, it turned into an association for ex-members of the Women's Royal Naval Service which grew to 74,000 women by 1944.

By 1949, the Women's Royal Naval Service became a permanent part of the royal navy. The service duties expanded from clerical and domestic jobs to include technical skills such as priming depth charges, cleaning mines and mechanical repairs.

The women worked in every branch of non-combatant, freeing up men for combat duties. The shortage of manpower in Canada was not as acute as in Britain and the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service was never given the chance to become as successful as the Women's Royal Navy Service.

CANADIAN TRAINING

The first basic training class for women was in October 1942 at HMCS Conestoga in Galt, Ont. The women were put through physical training, parade-ground drills and lectures on naval customs and traditions. The three-week course was designed to make the transition from civilian life to service life as quickly as possible.

Principal recruitment areas were Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia. By April 1945, the total enlistment in the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service was 6,500. About one-third of the women served outside Canada, including Scotland and the United States.

DEMOBILIZATION

The Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service had always been regarded as a temporary organization and in 1945 there were thoughts of maintaining a small disciplined group of women. However, the director of the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service argued that service life was not a natural one for women in peacetime and there would not be enough volunteers to continue the organization.

By August 31, 1946, the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service was disbanded.

'Support troops' Saso says

John Saso, college president, said Canadian troops in the Persian Gulf should be supported, but is surprised at Canada's aggressive posture.

"I was dismayed that Canada's role as a peacekeeping nation was not exercised fully," Mr. Saso said. "If we have armed forces, then we have to support them, but we should have kept up diplomatic pressures."

Canada has a fine line to walk, he said.

"I'm concerned about what takes place after war. What will be the feelings toward Canada?"

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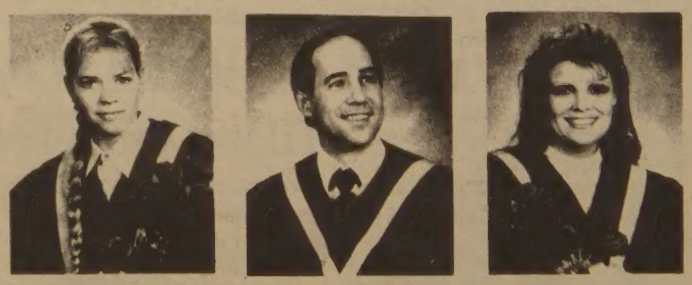

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Gorbachev yields to rightist pressure

By CATHERINE DENISON
Staff Writer

Whether Soviet Union President Mikhail Gorbachev ordered his troops into Lithuania or not makes no difference, George Blazetich, history and English instructor at Niagara College for 21 years, said.

"(This is) irrelevant," he said, referring to Gorbachev's quick denial he ordered the assault while blaming a local military commander for making the decision to use force in Lithuania.

On Jan. 14, 14 Lithuanians were killed and more than 150 were injured during the Soviet siege on the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius to suppress Lithuania's bid for independence.

"It is possible that a local commander gave the direct order but that order fit into the general scheme of things as something that had to happen sooner or later and I think Gorbachev knew it was going to happen sooner or later."

Mr. Blazetich has an honors BA and an MA in history from McMaster University and a BEd degree from the University of Toronto. He has taught one year at McMaster University as a teaching fellow and has taught two years at Welland Centennial Secondary School. He specialized in international relations and Soviet communism while studying history. "I am interested in where we are going as a creature, as a species and world historical developments are the best indicators of where we are going so I studied it," he said.

"(Throughout) all this business of the Berlin Wall coming down, and the Iron Curtain coming down and glasnost and perestroika (coming) on the scene over the past five years...which started with Gorbachev himself.... I kept saying (to my colleagues): I'm waiting for the other boot to drop," Mr. Blazetich said.

WIDER PERSPECTIVE

"I'm basically an historian and I have been trained to look at things from a wider perspective and my whole evaluation of this Baltic situation stems from (certain) geopolitical facts.

"The Slavs came to an area called Muscovy over 1,000 years ago and established themselves...(in) a small area in northwestern, European Russia closer to Europe than Siberia. It was landlocked except for a few very productive rivers and from that time in the eighth century — that's 1,200 years ago — the Slavs, later known as the Russians, began to move outwards, he said.

"They eventually made great progress, starting about the 15th century...moving all the way eventually to Vladivostok in the extreme east, Archangel in the north, the Arctic, all the way to the south to the Iranian, Turkish border, the Black Sea, and as far west as they could go, which of course after the Second World War included what were then the satellites of the Soviet Union, which now the Soviet Union has divested (itself) of, more or less," Mr. Blazetich said.

"Looking at it from an historical point of view, we have a long historical tradition of...1,000 years of expansion of a very small principality...and all of sudden, we have a situation called glasnost...openness, and (the Soviet Union) is going to allow Hungary, Czechoslovakia, East Germany and...Poland (to) go their own way, and we have left the Soviet Union with 15 republics.

"It became increasingly obvious to me that if Poland could go, why couldn't Estonia or Latvia or Lithuania go or, for that matter, Armenia or Georgia.... That's exactly what has started to happen," Mr. Blazetich said.

THE BOOT HAS TO DROP

"The other boot has to drop sooner or later and it took a long time coming and I think that Gorbachev sincerely attempted to balance all of the forces involved here. I sincerely believe he wanted to moderate this rigid Stalinist system that he inherited.... The other boot is the bureaucracy that has been entrenched over the past few centuries — and the military — (both were) silent. It was only a matter of time as far as I was concerned that they had to assert themselves," he said.

"I don't think the pendulum always swings back as far as it can but before it begins to swing towards freedom, it can take a very wide sweep back toward reaction.... There is certainly a reaction occurring from the bureaucracy and the military. This is manifested in the events in Lithuania...and we'll see more of it.

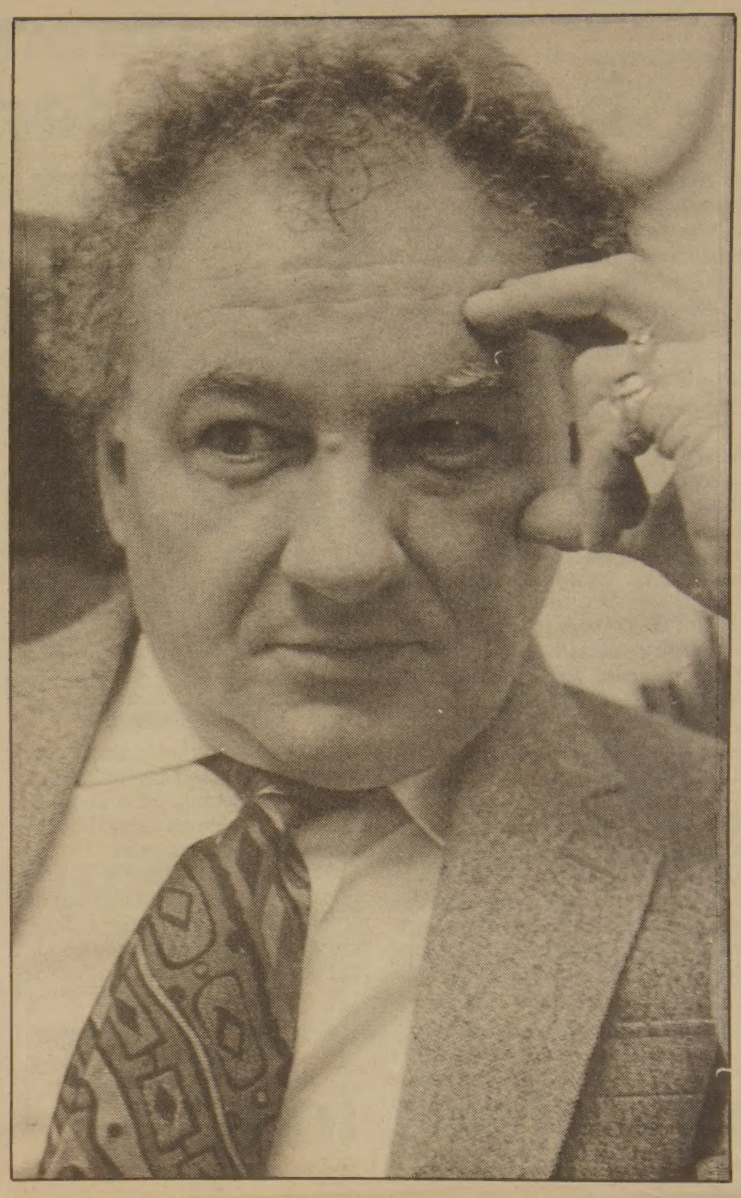
"I cannot believe that 1,000 years of expansionist revolution by the Russians is going to be given up easily — that all of these republics: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Armenia...will be allowed to simply secede and leave a rump called Russia. The Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic is only about 50 per cent of the population of this entire Soviet Union," Mr. Blazetich said.

"There are resources (the Soviet Union) has to have — to the south, the Ukraine, the grain, the oil in Georgia.... I can't believe that Russia would give up all of its expansionism over the centuries in the name of glasnost without a fight.... Gorbachev himself has warned of it. He's told them very nicely: 'Stop it now. We've got economic problems. The whole country is almost in economic chaos,'" he said. "But the reaction could fail and fail very quickly."

U.S. REACTION LIMP

Asked if he agreed with Washington Post syndicated columnist George Will's recent observation that the U.S. reaction to the Soviet assault on Lithuania has been limp because Lithuania is not located over a large pool of oil, he replied. "If Lithuania was sitting on one of the principle supplies of vital resources...I would say absolutely — just as oil does enter into the Persian Gulf equation. It is not a question of oil having nothing to do with it or oil having everything to do with it," he said.

Kuwait supplies only about 17 per cent of North American oil needs, Mr. Blazetich said, and if the confrontation is allowed to unfold, a greater percentage will be involved.



GEORGE BLAZETICH

"If Lithuania had that kind of role to play in the international equation as Kuwait has, I would say that (oil) would definitely be a factor in our intervention," he said.

OPPOSES RAE

Mr. Blazetich disagrees with Ontario Premier Bob Rae's recent statement that Western countries should impose economic sanctions on the Soviet Union, and should reject Gorbachev's request for billions of dollars in foreign aid for economic reform to protest the attack on Lithuanian independence.

"To do that would be to lose any leverage we've finally gained with a previously rigid, Stalinistic system.... (We are) working in concert with (the Soviet Union) through the United Nations on an international scale...that a year ago we never would have envisaged. We would be losing more by invoking sanctions than by allowing them to settle this local problem in their own way.... The price of sanctions is too high to pay historically.... We've got a foot in the door. Let's see if we can continue to do this. Perhaps by continuing to walk through this door, we can moderate their bureaucracy and military and somehow prevent the pendulum from swinging all the way back to conservative Stalinism," he said.

However, Mr. Blazetich said he would agree with sanctions if the Soviet Union turned the assault on Lithuania into a massacre.

He strongly disagrees with Mr. Wills' Washington Post column that Gorbachev is the most overrated man of the 20th century.

"I still give (Gorbachev) credit for having put this whole process of the death of communism on track. Surely he's got to be given credit for that. The Berlin Wall didn't come down, the Iron Curtain wasn't ripped apart after all those years, if it weren't for the signals that they could get away with it without the intervention of the Red Army.... He took that fear away by espousing glasnost and perestroika," he said.

Mr. Blazetich believes Eduard Shevardnadze, former Soviet ambassador to the U.S., resigned recently because he saw the pendulum swinging too far to the right and he could not tolerate it.

"Everything he predicted is beginning..."

In the long term, Mr. Blazetich said, views of Gorbachev's chief rival, Boris Yeltsin, president of the Russian Federation, will dominate.

"Yeltsin is a Russian nationalist and it appears that he would grant the other (14) republics some kind of autonomy in some kind of loose federation or he would simply allow them all to go and concentrate on Russia and just aggrandize the Russian part of the Soviet Union.... He would concentrate on keeping that 50 per cent of the Soviet Union called now the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic or Russia.... He sees... that they shouldn't impose the Russian language on the other republics — that they should have a greater measure of autonomy or independence....In the long run, Yeltsin will prevail," Mr. Blazetich said, "....(because) the ethnic traditions, the cultural traditions are so utterly entrenched...(that) the only way to suppress them is by force."

Mr. Blazetich said he agrees with criticism of the Soviet attack on Lithuania by U.S. President George Bush and other western leaders as indicating the long honeymoon which the West has had with the reformist Soviet leader is coming to an end.

"I believe the honeymoon (is over). The other boot has dropped.... This is the end of glasnost for now."

Welland Winter Carnival filled with festivities

It's time to pull out those toboggans and skates for 10 days of fun as the 28th annual Welland Winter Carnival begins Feb. 1.

Three pancake breakfasts complete with coffee will be held, along with activities such as snowmobiling, curling, broomball, tobogganing and skating. Scheduled are square dancing, magic shows, dancing seniors and an open house. Nail driving, log sawing and hayrides are slated.

A coronation ball Feb. 1 will kick off the events with a Winter Carnival Queen being crowned. However, her court of snow prince and princess won't be crowned until Feb. 10.

Information on dates, locations and times is available at the Welland Recreation Department on East Main Street or by telephoning 732-1515. Rose Smith is chairperson of the carnival.

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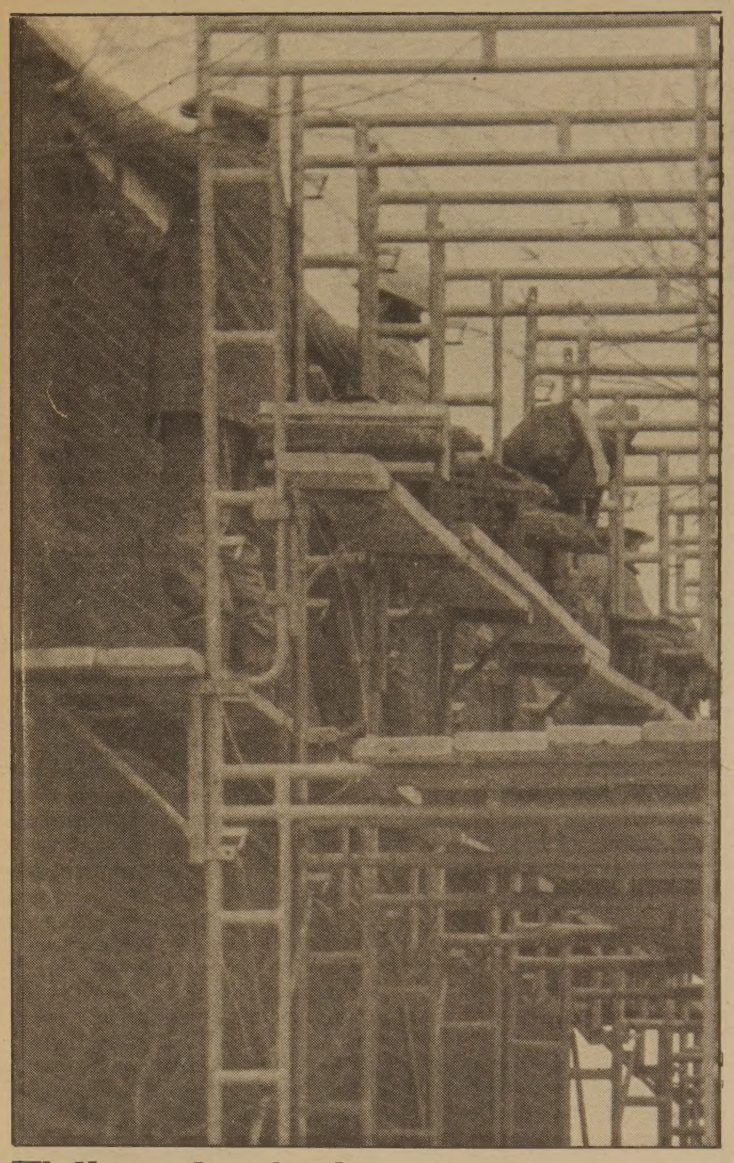

Walking the plank

Merit Construction workers brave strong winds, cold temperatures and lofty heights to lay the brick on the east wall of the new student centre at the Welland campus of the college.

Photo by Robert Finlay

Research lifts veil on memory loss

By JOAN GREAVES
Staff Writer

You arrive at the bus terminal at home to spend time with your family. But no one is there to pick you up. You wait for a while, then call home. Your mother sounds very concerned, as your father left more than an hour ago. A half hour later he arrives and tells you he couldn't find the terminal. A warning bell goes off in your head — could dad be developing Alzheimer's disease?

Alzheimer's disease, an organic disorder, is a deterioration of the brain. It leads to confusion, forgetfulness, and sometimes anti-social behavior.

Health and Welfare Canada describes three stages an Alzheimer's patient goes through. Some people may go through these stages slowly; others may take years.

A person first shows changes in memory. They may forget recent events, or items such as keys or wallets. This gets worse in time.

The second stage includes more memory decline, loss of speaking ability, and an end to normal daily activity. The ill person may wander, may lose bladder and bowel control, and may threaten others.

The person in the third stage of Alzheimer's disease needs institutionalization and often 24-hour care. The person can no longer speak or communicate, and may wander or move constantly unless restrained.

None of the research so far has produced a method to treat Alzheimer's disease. Physicians cannot even make a certain diagnosis of the disease until an autopsy is performed.

Dr. Dawn Witherspoon, a psychology professor at Brock University, is trying to change this.

FOCUSING RESEARCH

Dr. Witherspoon did her dissertation on amnesia at the University of Toronto, but found there was limited global cases of amnesia. She found there were similarities between amnesia cases and Alzheimer's cases, and began to focus her research towards this disease which afflicts 15 per cent of the elderly.

"The longitudinal study is quite unique," said Dr. Witherspoon.

Research on Alzheimer's has not followed a group of people over a period of time, which is the method of longitudinal studies.

Upon her arrival at Brock three years ago, she began setting up the study, which receives federal funding. It took the first year to get organized, and research has been going on for two years. "We have some people that have been with us for the two years, and others for a full year. I was impressed with the response from the Niagara region," she said.

Many researchers must pay to get subjects to participate, but this project received response from across the region, including St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Fort Erie and Welland.

There are three different groups of participants in this study, all over 55 years of age. There are healthy aging adults, who make up the control group; people with slight cognitive impairment who are still living at home; and institutionalized people who are believed to have the disease.

PROGRESSIVE AGING

Many of the normal changes that occur with aging are more progressive with Alzheimer's. The testing of participants takes place every three to four months to enable the researchers to detect subtle changes.

"The first change we red flag, the second we look at hard," said Dr. Witherspoon. She is assisted by five honors psychology students.

Memory, attention and perception are tested through vocabulary tests, abstract thoughts and problem solving. "We re-test the same functions, but with different tests," said Dr. Witherspoon.

She is hoping to discover the different stages of deterioration, which may have implications for treatment. No one knows in what order brain function diminishes, or if this is the same in every patient.

Bob Bell, executive director of the Niagara region chapter of the Alzheimer's Society, is participating in the study.

January is Alzheimer's Awareness Month, and a fund-raising project is in the works, he said.

The Niagara chapter is located at 8 Welland Ave. in St. Catharines. The telephone number is 687-3914.

Spy agency offers intrigue

By ROBERT FINLAY
Staff Writer

If you're interested in the civil service, enjoy dealing with interesting people, and dabble in anti-terrorism or counter-espionage in your spare time, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service may have a job for you.

The agency, created by an act of parliament in 1984 to investigate "security threats to Canada", is open to applications from those who are interested — and qualified — in a career in the national security business.

Ray Boisvert, head of external communications, said in a telephone interview from Ottawa the agency is constantly recruiting employees as they need them. However, entrance to the service is difficult. In the first five years of the agency's existence, 10,000 applications were made, with less than 200 being accepted. In 1989, the service began a recruiting drive and received a torrent of 9,000 applications in 30 days — of those, a fraction were accepted.

The agency employs between 2,000 and 3,000 agents in intelligence gathering and analysis. Although about half of the agents are originally from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police secret service from which the CSIS originated, the makeup of the agents recruited in recent years has varied. About half are women, most are about 29 to 30 years of age, and some have completed graduate work at universities.

Applicants are screened through interviews and tests related to such diverse topics as politics, languages, and history. Those lucky few accepted are trained as "intelligence analysts" and remain in the office for two to three years before being considered for a position as a field officer. Prior to being placed in the field, agents must undergo 10 weeks of further training.

"Serious mistakes" concerning public relations were made the service's first few years, Mr. Boisvert said, but now the agency is open to all types of media and public inquiries in an effort to "demystify" the service.

Although the competition is tough, Mr. Boisvert said that should not deter those wishing to apply. He said however, 'you'd better have something that sets you apart from the rest of the applicants."

New training program extra work for teachers

Students aren't the only ones in Niagara College who have to do homework.

Over 500 faculty and staff will be assigned homework as part of a quality customer service training program.

"Customer service is the competitive weapon of the 90s," Sue Tallon, development officer, Continuing Education, said. "The objective is to raise the awareness level within our organization. Participants in the training program are asked to record any outstanding customer services they encounter and bring them to the next session."

The six-hour training program is divided into three two-hour sessions. Quality customer service is the first session, product knowledge the second, and phone power plus the third.

Each session has about 15 participants who answer questionnaires and discuss communication problems and solutions. Training sessions will continue until June.

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Brock welcomes all students to campus Employment Centre

By JENNIFER BARTKIW
Staff Writer

Even though Brock University's placement office is focused on finding its own students jobs, its doors are open to all students — including Niagara College's — since the Canada Employment Centre is located on campus.

The placement office, fourth floor of the Schmon Tower, offers on-campus recruiting programs, workshops, job referral services and a resource library to assist both students and graduates obtain permanent, part time and summer employment.

"We aren't closing the door on anyone right now because this is a Canada Employment Centre for students and our mandates are quite similar (Brock and Employment Centre)," John Jackson, employment counsellor for Employment and Immigration Canada, said.

"We don't want to step on one another's toes. We don't want students running back and forth between Brock and the Canada Employment Centre," Mr. Jackson said. "We want to make it easy for everybody so that no matter what school you attend you can go to one place."

The jobs being posted at Brock's placement office will be transferred to the downtown office in St. Catharines in April as the Canada Employment Centre for students officially gears up for college, university and high school students wanting work.

"Our biggest concern is to assist university graduates find jobs," Mr. Jackson said. "One program on campus is recruiting whereby companies can come in and actually interview graduating students (on campus) for full-time jobs when classes are over."

TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES

Mr. Jackson admits the placement office is being affected by the tough economic times. "This term's employers (numbers) are quite a ways down from last year at this time," Mr. Jackson said. "Last year between December and March there were 15 to 20 employers recruiting on campus. This year we probably have eight that are confirmed."

"I am expecting a drop of 30 per cent; the reason is somehow related to the economy," Mr. Jackson said. "It just seems we got hit on all sides with free trade, goods and services tax, and the economy; I'm sure one leads into another."

"Employers are saying things are slowing down, they're going to have to cut back a little bit and they're not hiring as many (students) as last year," Mr. Jackson said.

"Employers can call in all year with full-time openings. Last year 200 full-time jobs were filled," Mr. Jackson said.

"The month of January is proving more successful than last year. It's a big surprise," Mr. Jackson said. "I think companies believed the GST was going to hurt them so they held back and wanted to wait and see. GST arrived and things weren't as bad as they thought."

BASIC SERVICES OFFERED

"When students first walk in the door we (staff) have to find out their concerns and we usually go over our basic services," Mr. Jackson said. "A month before graduation we tell students to start looking for jobs; however, we promote starting (looking for jobs) as early as October in order to get all the materials ready and to research the company."

"Employers ask us to collect applications, gather resumes and covering letters and arrange interviews," Mr. Jackson said. "A lot of students are scared and don't know how to do all those things so we provide three workshops consisting of one hour lectures which are free to everybody enrolled at Brock."

"At the workshops students are taught how to write a resume, how to write a cover letter, how to prepare for an interview and how to fill out access forms," Mr. Jackson said.

An alumni or graduate referral service is offered to former graduates of Brock University. Graduates register with the placement office and will be contacted when a job opening comes.

The resource library, consisting of 400 employers, is used in the job search and planning process when a student is looking for a job. The placement office at Brock has two staff members, a coordinator of placement and career planning operations and an employment counsellor. The office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"What I am really trying to promote is that students do a good job with their career planning," Mr. Jackson said. "Many students don't realize there are thousands of potential jobs out there."

Want a light?

Some of Niagara College's old parking lot lights, removed last December, have found a new home. They have moved down the street to the Welland Soccer Dome on Rice Road. The operators of the indoor facility said they were "happy" to have the lights and are waiting until they can be installed.
Photo by Richard Douglas

Well-written cover letter could lead to employment

This is the second in a series of articles dealing with careers, resume writing and job interviews.

A resume must have a cover letter — it is a calling card for the resume. A well-written cover letter is a sneak preview of your resume. It should contain only the highlights and leave the reader wanting more.

A cover letter is the bottom step in the long climb toward a job. A compelling cover letter will make the reader look at your resume, which may lead to an interview and perhaps a job.

TIPS

1. Personally address the cover letter. This shows interest in the company, and guarantees a specific person will read your letter. Sending a cover letter without personally addressing it is like receiving junk mail addressed to occupant.

2. Use quality stationery and make sure it matches the resume.

3. A cover letter is brief — no more than one page.

4. The final paragraph tells the reader you want to talk and where you can be contacted.

5. The book Resumes That Knock 'em Dead by Martin John Yate lists sample phrases for cover letters.

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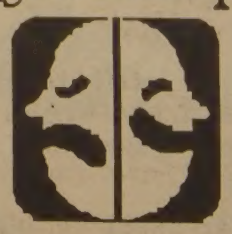

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Vandalism, theft targets windows, property at Welland campus

Broken windows and stolen property are two incidents of vandalism recently at the Welland campus.

"Last week we had a sign thrown through a window at Hennepin Hall," Linda Maidens, building operations supervisor, said. "We've had several kids putting fists through (panes of) glass. Somebody did it again last week, only we didn't get the person."

The first student to put his fist through a window was caught — he did it in front of a group of people.

Ms. Maidens is uncertain, but believes the student will reimburse the college for the cost of the window.

Re-enforced glass — the kind with a wire screen imbeded in it — is used throughout the interior of the college and it is expensive to replace. The cost of replacing such a window can reach up to $500, she said.

"The college doesn't have an abundance of money," Ms. Maidens said. Such an unnecessary expense can take money from other projects around the college.

Vending machines are also the target of vandals. "The coffee machines on the second floor (Simcoe) are being broken into and all the money has been stolen," she said.

Another target for vandals has been the gumball machine near the entrance to the library. "In November, I had one stolen and found it out by the compound smashed to bits," she said. "These are put in place by a charitable organization (The Canadian Mental Health Association) to raise funds. So, they put another one in and that one's been stolen."

A new machine, which replaces the second stolen one, is now in place and is chained to a column.

"We don't need this kind of nonsense," Ms. Maidens said.

Fluorescent bulbs latest target of vandal on campus

Smashing fluorescent light bulbs is the latest act of vandalism to happen at the school.

"It's happened four times now," Linda Maidens, building operations supervisor, said.

The latest incident was this week. The lights are being pulled from their sockets in the men's washrooms in the Black Walnut building. They are then smashed on the washroom floor, outside the building, or stuffed down the toilets.

This has only happened in the Black Walnut building, as the light sockets there do not have covers.

"I'm getting sick of it," Ms Maidens said. "We may have to end up putting in new light fixtures."

War changes contingency plans

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John Kirby, Niagara regional emergency co-ordinator, said he is responsible for anything that is considered a regional emergency.

"There are 12 municipalities and we are responsible for anything from environment spills, explosions, and water. There are different contingencies during war than during peace," Mr. Kirby said.

"We have been working closely with other institutions throughout the region such as the police and the Department of Defence," Mr. Kirby said. "A lot is being done in the way of protective measures."

"The day before the war broke out security was increased," he said. "Security may last even after the war. It will continue until the terrorist threat is over."

Police are also on a "higher alert" to guarantee public safety, Mr. Kirby said. "Personally I don't know of any threats made in the Niagara region," Mr. Kirby said.

Harley Smith, assistant to the vice-president of the St. Lawrence Seaway, Western Region, said the Seaway has implemented its first level of escalation for security measures.

"The Seaway is not considered a prime target," said Mr. Smith in a telephone interview last week. "We have told our employees to be on the lookout for any unusual activities or objects."

The Seaway has increased surveillance with the use of television cameras and employee awareness.

"We have touched base with the Niagara Regional Police to check protocol and procedure in case of a threat," Mr. Smith said.

Craig Vanderklei, customs inspector at the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie, said security precautions at the U.S. and Canadian border have been stepped up. "We've been briefed on terrorism and we all have had some form of terrorism training . . . albeit fairly minimal," Mr. Vanderklei said.

"We're connected with all the intelligence agencies in the U.S. and Canada, so the information is passed right along to us," Mr. Vanderklei said. "Security was increased after the attack on the Gulf."

"Middle Eastern people are subject to security checks. We are going to look at identification," Mr. Vanderklei said. "We are generally looking at everyone's identification now because no one knows what a terrorist looks like."

Mr. Vanderklei said he has noticed a drop in traffic travelling over the border and believes it can be directly related to the Gulf war. "Traffic has decreased. It's very slow going both ways (over the border), especially into the U.S.," Mr. Vanderklei said.

"U.S. security is tighter than Canada's. They (U.S.) have U.S. border control, immigration and customs and the National Guard," Mr. Vanderklei said. "We (Canadian border) have the RCMP who are there all the time."

"I can't say if security has been beefed up. I don't know if they're undercover and I don't know what half of them look like. They could be anywhere," Mr. Vanderklei said. "They told us to increase awareness, be aware of people from source areas, check identification and of course we have intelligence information on known terrorists."

"There have been no threats at our bridge . . . . There's no state of panic down there," Mr. Vanderklei said. "Most people have been very understanding (about the checks) and realize it's for their own good."

Keep your New Year's resolution

The Weight Watchers at Work Program will be holding two information sessions today at noon and 1 p.m. in the Merritt Conference Room for students and staff, said Michelle Pugh, career liaison officer, who is the Weight Watchers client contact person for Niagara College.

If 20 people sign up for a 10-week session, Kim Lachance, service consultant for Weight Watchers, will hold weekly classes at the college on a day suitable for the majority of members, Mrs. Pugh said.

The cost payable on joining is $106. The cost is reduced on a proportional basis as more people sign up.

Weekly classes will offer such tips as where and what to eat while away from home, she said.

Classes will not be held on Fridays, Mrs. Pugh said and those who attend the information sessions are under no obligation to join.

For further information, call Mrs. Pugh at extension 788.

Mal Woodhouse ready for challenge

Mal Woodhouse is a busy man. Not only is he the newly-elected chairman of the Niagara Regional Police board, a member of Niagara Regional council and acting head of Physical Services (formerly Plant and Property Services), he is also the college's Health and Safety Manager.

Mr. Woodhouse was hired last October to become the school's first Health and Safety Manager.

"Every college I know of has a health and safety manager or officer. We were one of the few who didn't have one," he said. "It's a quickly expanding area and there just wasn't anybody (at the college) who was specializing in this area."

"I'm in charge of managing Workers' Compensation claims, appeals and processing claims. I'm responsible for the health and safety of the employees on the college campuses."

Mr. Woodhouse is also starting training programs, including a first-aid course, and deals with the various government ministries that effect safety in the workplace.

Born in St. Catharines, he lives in Thorold and has nearly 20 years of safety-related experience. Before coming to Niagara, he worked 18 years at Hayes-Dana in the health and safety field while serving 10 years as a volunteer fireman in Thorold, and six years as a volunteer for the Thorold ambulance service.

Since starting at the school, Mr. Woodhouse has put forth several suggestions to greater influence the safety of all those who spend time on a school campus.

The recent move for more asset disposal, the disposal of unnecessary or outdated equipment, in part lies with a move toward a safer college. Many areas, such as the school's boiler room, were being used for storage.

"I did a safety inspection of that area from a fire standpoint," Mr. Woodhouse said. "The storage of all that stuff could create some problems."

"It seems that we have a lot of stuff coming into the system and there are mechanisms in which it can go out. The problem is there is a void in between," he said.

A new program that lists when an item goes into storage and how long it will be stored for may be the solution to this problem. "It's so we get rid of this pack-rat mentality," Mr. Woodhouse said.

Another storage problem concerns the storing of hazardous materials. Provincial legislation outlines what constitutes a hazardous material — mercury, asbestos — how it should be stored and disposed. "It's a very wide range of things where they're adding something like 1,500 chemicals a year," Mr. Woodhouse said. "We have a variety of things; the list is very long. We're in the process of updating our inventories as to what exactly is out there."

About 35 to 40 per cent of the compensation incidents Mr. Woodhouse has dealt with concern slips and falls due to ice and snow conditions. This has caused him to implement changes in snow removal procedures. "We have our caretakers, when there are conditions of ice and snow, coming in early before their shift starts and we also have arrangements with companies who are dealing with snow removal come in prior to people getting on campus and thusly trying to get the grounds in a safe condition."

MAL WOODHOUSE

Mr. Woodhouse said many workplace accidents can be stopped through education. "What you see in health and safety is a lot of problems created because people just don't know or they're not cognizant of them. If 35 to 40 per cent of our injuries are related to ice and snow conditions, then what you have to do is get people thinking about it. A lot of it is common sense, things that people take for granted."

In today's working world, health and safety is an important issue. And although Mr. Woodhouse's position is directly related to employee safety, his concerns go further than that. "I'm concerned about anybody who comes on our property for whatever reason. If there is an unsafe condition it's something I want to address," he said.

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Sports

Tournament nets two wins

The Niagara Knights volleyball team won two of four matches this past weekend during a tournament held at George Brown College in Toronto. The Knights faced Canadore College, Sault Ste. Marie College and Georgian College.

Niagara's first match was against Canadore. The Knights lost the opening game 15-13.

"The guys gave the other team six points in a row and that hurt us," said Coach Ray Sarkis.

Brian McDonald got six of 15 blocked spikes that Canadore attempted. Shane Holland made six kills (spikes) during the game. Vahid Amini made four kills with Sylvian Heroux and Brian McDonald each getting three kills.

The Knights went on to win the next two games 15-11 and 15-4.

The next match, Niagara's only other victory of the weekend, was against Sault. The Knights defeated Sault by a score of 15-13 in the first game. Game two saw Brian McDonald make some key blocks of the nine made by Niagara. Niagara beat Sault in game two 15-9. Vahid Amini made six kills with Shane Holland contributing four and Sylvain Heroux and Brian McDonald also spiking three balls for points.

McDonald was the team leader this past weekend; he kept the team's spirits up during each game. "Brian played extremely well this weekend. He played with a bad shoulder and didn't let it bother him," said Coach Sarkis.

Niagara faced top-ranked Cambrian College in the third match of the weekend. Cambrian played a strong game and dominated the Knights and beat them 15-3. "They (the team) missed key blocks that cost us the game," said Coach Sarkis.

Cambrian put on its second string players to face the Knights in game two of the match. The Knights beat this team 15-6. Against Cambrian, Niagara blocked seven spike attempts and Holland, Amini and McDonald again made good kills for points.

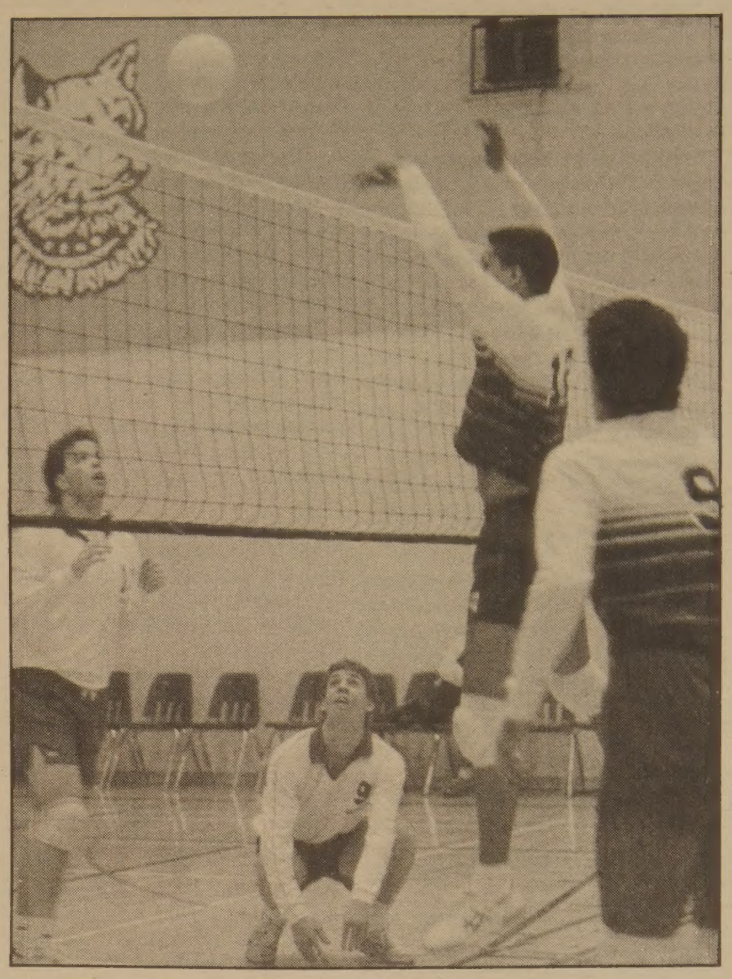
The Knights' third game against Cambrian was a defeat of 15-10.

The final match of the weekend saw the Knights block four spikes and make 10 kills. Georgian defeated Niagara 15-3 and 15-12.

"The team didn't play too well this weekend. Mental mistakes caused them (the team) to miss key blocks and spikes," said Coach Sarkis.

Top players for the weekend tournament included Sylvian Heroux, Mark Antolish, Brian McDonald and Vahid Amini. Despite injuries, Shane Holland and Paul Wilson also played well.

The Knights return to Ontario Colleges Athletic Association tournament play here Feb. 2.



Shane Holland of the Niagara Knights spikes the ball past the defenders of Sault College as Knight Vahid Amini (no.9) watches.

Photo by Dave Johnson

Knights tie University of Buffalo

Niagara Knights hockey team came back strongly from a 2-0 deficit to tie with the University of Buffalo last Saturday.

Down 2-1 with just over five minutes remaining, the Knights fought back making most of their 15-third-period shots on goal. Kent Loach scored with assists from Rob Scrivens and Chris Klauck to put the game into overtime. Neither team scored during the overtime period.

Scoring Niagara's first goal at 6:40 in the third period was Chris Karpinchick. Chris Klauck brought the puck down the ice. Rob Scriven sent it forward. Karpinchick caught the rebound and shot the puck in the net.

The game was the Knights' first regular season outing since the Christmas break. As Niagara struggled to stay within reach of a win, the absence of veterans Chris Smith, James Ward and Dave Mooradian hurt the team.

All three were effective in a 8-0 defeat to the University of Buffalo last November. With the exception of Dave, Chris and James were expected to play here last night against the University of Buffalo.

After a scoreless first period in which both teams showed excellent defence, Buffalo came out on top in the second. A mistake by Niagara's defence was picked up by Buffalo's Scott Miller who dished off the puck to Dave Piatek. Knights goalie Mike Ticknovich was caught flat on the ice as the puck hit the back of the net.

With 6:24 remaining in the period, Dave Browne scored, with an assist by Eric Richards, putting Buffalo up 2-0.

Instead of executing goal winning performances, players became caught up in the exchange of cheap shots some of which resulted in penalties. There were 18 infractions in the third period.

PITCH IN

First indoor soccer team

For the first time in Niagara College's history, there is an indoor soccer team. The team, headed by coach Ed Fox, will play at the Welland Soccer Dome on Rice Road.

Coach Fox, who has been a soccer coach for the past 14 years, expects to have 12 to 15 members on the team.

"The league that we're playing in was just finalized last Friday. We don't even know our schedule yet," he said.

The team plays its first game next Tuesday at the Soccer Dome beginning at midnight. Fans are encouraged to come out and see the team.

Brave, foolhardy students to have fun at Wintercourse

Wintercourse is back.

For the third year, the annual event has returned to Niagara College offering brave, fun loving — if not foolhardy — students ways to have fun in the snow.

Throughout the week of Feb. 4-8 events will be sponsored by the Student Administrative Council, at Niagara's Welland campus. Events include an obstacle course, winter golf and a polar bear dip. Exact times and locations will be posted.

"It's a blast," Cory Abt, SAC president, said. "It's going to be great. We want everyone to come out and join in the fun."

About 250 people participated in last year's Wintercourse, Cory said. SAC is expecting "a bazillion" people to show up this year.

An obstacle course will be held on Monday, Feb. 4. A Jello eating contest is tentatively scheduled for that day.

A football, baseball or broomball game will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

A polar bear dip is to be held at Nichol Beach on Wednesday, Feb. 6. The David Wilcox concert will take place in the cafeteria at 8 p.m.

On Thursday, Feb. 7 a winter golf game is scheduled, followed by the weekly mini-pub in the cafeteria.

A few hours of skating is tentatively slated for Friday, Feb. 8 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A scavenger hunt will be held Monday through Thursday.

Prizes will be awarded and include trophies, Wintercourse T-shirts, SAC boxer shorts and Niagara College wear.

All events will have individual and team categories. Those interested should go to the SAC office, ME101, to enter. For more information, contact Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, ext. 659.

Quality Control for women

By LORRAINE GIBBS
Staff Writer

While many employment doors are closed to women, industrial engineering quality control is one of the easiest technology entrances available, as Niagara's program graduates are finding, John Crossley, program coordinator, said.

The Canada Manpower-sponsored 64-week, non-semestered course, begun in 1984, provides training in quality assurance principles for business and industry.

Quality control is a continually growing field, Mr. Crossley said. The limits are never ending. There will always be jobs in the field because there will always be a need for quality control.

This class of 40 students has 10 women. In 1984 — the first time the program ran at Niagara — there were two women graduates. The numbers have grown steadily.

Most women who graduate have gone on to good jobs. One 1984 class graduate works for a Niagara Falls-based manufacturer as a quality auditor and travels throughout North America. The other 1984 female graduate spent three months in Japan as part of her job as team manager for Toyota, Mr. Crossley said.

The program has had excellent placement, he said.

The program includes courses in: communications, math, computer applications, technology and costing. There is a six-week work term.

Graduates' salaries start at *$26,000 — possibly the second* highest starting wage in the college, Mr. Crossley said. For women the salary range does not differ much.

Women who work in quality control are accepted openly, Mr. Crossley said. "There is no tension at all."

Many of the women, who are single parents, bring their children to the college daycare and "...it works out quite well," Mr. Crossley said.

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Sports

Female referee calls plays

By KAREN GIBSON
Staff Writer

Two five-minute majors for fighting, two game misconduct penalties, plus throwing out the goalie and five players are all in a game's work for Maureen Flemming.

She is a hockey referee.

Ms. Flemming is the first and sole woman referee out of 40 hockey referees for the St. Catharines Referees Association.

For the last 3½ years, Ms. Flemming has been a referee for Kiwanis, Catholic Youth Organization and the Ontario Minor Hockey Association.

Ms. Flemming said the support from fellow referees and the referee's association has kept her in the game.

"I've thought of quitting a few times. The leagues were not prepared for a woman referee and it was a difficult first year for me. I took a lot of crap, but I also got the support from the guys. I just told everyone 'I'm not going to go away.' "

Ms. Flemming said how a game will be played is determined in the first five minutes. "I can tell if it's going to be a skating game or chippy within five minutes," she said.

Between refereeing seven to 10 games per week, Ms. Flemming is a machine operator for General Motors' Plant One in St. Catharines.

"I've always been mechanically inclined. Most girls grew up with dolls and boys with a hammer and nails. I grew up with both. My father is a carpenter and my mom a housewife."

She runs 3½ miles three times a week, does light weightlifting and calisthenics to keep her 170 pound, five foot eight inch frame in shape.

"I find it a real challenge to keep up with the triple A bantam players," she said. "That is my favorite age group, and I'm proud to be selected to referee their games."

Scoring over 90 per cent on her written referee exams has paid off for Ms. Flemming. Two hockey leagues have tried to ban her from refereeing. Quoting from the rule book saved her — but it was no small task.

There are 86 rules in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association's rule book; some have three parts. Forty-six rules were changed last year.

MAUREEN FLEMMING

A misunderstanding occurred between Ms. Flemming and a Kiwanis executive.

"I stepped onto the ice after an argument between a coach and the previous game's referee. It was about the goalie having to wear a neck guard plus a hanging piece guard," Ms. Flemming explained. "I went over to talk to the coach — we talked about football — and was yelled at by a member of the executive. I was taking the heat from the previous game and told him to leave. I don't hold any grudges though. Three days later I was having coffee with him."

Ms. Flemming admits she has made mistakes. "I called icing when there was a player in the penalty box," she said. "I just started the play over from centre ice. Once the referee calls a play, there is no changing it. If you're wrong, you start from centre ice.

"Before I call a penalty I flash back in my mind and ask if it was intentional and was it clean."

Ms. Flemming not only gives penalties to the players, but also to the coaches.

"I need the coach on the bench to run the team. We both need each other. First, I give a verbal warning, then a two-minute bench minor, then a 10-minute misconduct. If that doesn't work I kick the coach out. How much more warning can you give?

"I don't hold any grudges towards the coaches. I try to stay away from the players' benches to avoid confrontations."

While players and coaches can be dealt with by penalties, it's harder to deal with parents.

"I've been spit at, had coffee and a hockey puck thrown at me and been blocked from leaving the ice. When people approach you, they usually don't want to tell you you did a good game."

When asked if she noticed the other referees being treated this way, Ms. Flemming answered no.

Some Montreal-based teams have adopted a policy where parents take turns attending the games. No more than four sets of parents can watch the game at one time. Toronto has a drop-off policy. Parents drop off their son and pick him up after the game.

"I hope it never comes to that here," Ms. Flemming said. "It takes the confidence out of the kids' playing when the parents aren't there. But if parents continue to treat me the way they have in the past, it could amount to that," she warned.

Ms. Flemming admits she is nervous before every game. "There are two times when I get nervous. I am tense and cautious when I leave the dressing room and walk to the ice, and when I have to walk back to the dressing room."

Why would anyone continue to take the abuse?

"I love hockey. I eat, sleep and drink hockey. It's a good way to keep my weight down," Ms. Flemming explained. "I have not time to play for a women's team because I work shifts, so refereeing keeps me in hockey."

Ms. Flemming used to play forward on a women's senior A hockey team. She is a level III hockey coach and a 203 level referee which allows her to referee 13- and 14-year-old players in all-star games. National Hockey League officials are level five referees.

"I would like to referee women's international hockey in the future. I was invited to a level 301 camp in Waterloo, but didn't have my level 203 at the time."

Ms. Flemming who has refereed with a toe broken during a face-off, has some advice for women thinking about refereeing.

"If you're not over 150 pounds and can't take a shot in the back of the legs, don't go out."

Due to her unique position, Ms. Flemming jealously guards her personal life. She hands out the penalties, but also has to take them.

Rumble rumbles WWF

Robbie Craine, a longtime wrestling fan watched this pay-per-view match at the West Hill Tavern in St. Catharines. This is her impression of the show. The next major match is set for tomorrow at Hamilton's Copps Coliseum.

By ROBBIE CRAINE
Staff Writer

Hulkamania ruled, Iraq triumphed, and the meek inherited respect in the World Wrestling Federation's (WWF) Royal Rumble held last Saturday in Miami, Florida.

The rules for a Royal Rumble are simple: the wrestlers attempt to throw their opponents over the top ropes of the wrestling ring. The moment a wrestler's feet touch the floor outside the ring, he is eliminated from the match.

Before the match, 30 numbers were placed in a hat. Each man drew a number, determining the order the wrestlers entered the ring. Two men began the match and another man entered every minute until all 30 combatants had entered the battle.

The first two wrestlers in this match were Brett "The Hitman" Hart and Dino Bravo. One minute later, Greg "The Hammer" Valentine entered the ring. As Bravo and Valentine are both managed by Jimmy "Mouth of the South" Hart, fans assumed the two men would work together to eliminate the Hitman. To everyone's surprise, Valentine attacked Bravo. Manager Hart screamed at Valentine. Valentine reminded Hart of the main rule of Royal Rumbles: there are no friends in a Royal Rumble.

The long-brewing feud between Jake "The Snake" Roberts and Rick "The Model" Martel erupted during the battle. Martel succeeded in throwing Roberts over the ropes but was thrown out himself shortly afterwards.

In the end, only Hogan and the Earthquake remained. Hogan body-slammed Earthquake, then heaved him over the ropes. As the crowd of Hulkamaniacs cheered, Hogan flexed his arm muscles, displaying the famous "24-inch pythons". The regimen of "prayer, exercise and vitamins" paid off for the Hulkster.

In another match, The Ultimate Warrior lost his WWF Intercontinental belt to Sargeant Slaughter.

Slaughter, originally an advocate of the red, white and blue, has defected to the side of the Iraqi regime. For weeks, Slaughter has talked about taking the belt to Iraq and parading triumphantly through Baghdad with Iraqi president Saddam Hussein.

Warrior could have won the match had he not been distracted by Randy "Macho King" Savage and Sensational Queen Sherri.

When the referee turned his back, Savage hit the Warrior over the head, stunning him. This was the break Slaughter needed to pin Warrior and become the new champion. The Warrior, angry at his loss, chased the Macho King and Sherri back to their dressing room. He kept them trapped there the rest of the evening.

In a match fought to settle a long-standing grudge, father-and-son duo Dusty and Dustin Rhodes faced "Million Dollar Man" Ted DiBiase and his partner/bodyguard/ lackey, Virgil. The Rhodes were defeated.

After the match, DiBiase grabbed a microphone to extol his oft-repeated motto: "Everyone has a price for the Million Dollar Man". To prove his point, DiBiase ordered Virgil to bring the Million Dollar Belt to him. Virgil brought the belt and threw it at the feet of DiBiase.

Enraged, DiBiase ordered Virgil to pick up the belt and put it on DiBiase. Virgil picked up the diamond-encrusted gold belt and hit DiBiase in the face with it, knocking DiBiase off his feet. Virgil then left the ring, the cheers and applause of the crowd ringing in his ears.

In the first match of the evening, the Rockers derailed the Orient Express, despite assistance from the Express' manager, Mr. Fuji.

In the other matches of the evening, Big Boss Man defeated the Barbarian and veteran wrestler Koko B. Ware lost to newcomer, The Mountie.

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March of Dimes' volunteer makes notable contribution

By TARA GRABELL
Staff Writer

Betty Marczi, a petite, dark-haired woman, was once confined to a wheelchair after she suffered a cerebral hemorrhage.

Now, only a few years later, she is walking with the aid of a leg brace. For Mrs. Marczi of Welland one organization was there when she needed them the most — the March of Dimes.

Mrs. Marczi, 57, spent three years of her life in a wheelchair, but she was continually motivated in that period of physical rehabilitation. "I met a lot of people who were worse off than me," she said, after lighting up a cigarette.

Her involvement with other people helped by the March of Dimes and her own experience with the organization led Mrs. Marczi to begin as a volunteer with the group seven years ago. She took on the responsibilities of campaigning and collecting for the organization in Welland.

"I make out receipts (for donations). I also send cheques to Toronto," she said. Her work for the March of Dimes has not gone unnoticed as she received a recognition award for 1990 last September and the outstanding campaign award for 1984.

Mrs. Marczi's family has been involved in different ways with the March of Dimes since its beginning in 1951. In fact, her mother was one of the women who marched 40 years ago in Ontario in hopes of raising money to fund a cure for polio. "I remember my mother marching for dimes," she recalls.

It was that first march that spawned the creation of the March of Dimes. Over the years, the March of Dimes has helped thousands of disabled Ontarians to lead as normal a life as possible.

Some 90 per cent of donated funds are used to support three major service, including independent living assistance, employment services and assistive devices (such as wheelchairs, canes, crutches).

The remaining funds are used to fund summer camps for the severely disabled and the educating of people about those with disabilities, a March of Dimes press release states.

Mrs. Marczi is one of the thousands of volunteers, some disabled themselves, in communities around Ontario who are involved in the organization's winter fund-raising campaign. A news release states volunteers in the Haldimand, Norfolk and Niagara regions are hopeful of raising $44,875 during the winter campaign which started Jan. 2 and ends Feb. 15.

"With the assistance of dedicated volunteers across the province, (we) will work towards a (winter) provincial community campaign goal of $589,000," the news release states. However, the March of Dimes has set a goal for the year of $2.4 million.

The funds usually help adults rather than children, Mrs. Marczi said.

The list of disabilities is endless, although muscular dystrophy and cerebral palsy top the list in terms of numbers.

The March of Dimes, however, does not have one particular illness they focus funds on.

"The March of Dimes doesn't pick one thing," she said. "Any form of disability is accepted. They don't care what caused it. They send you out a form and you get verification from your doctor."

These procedures have been maintained throughout the organization's years of service. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the March of Dimes.

In Welland, Mrs. Marczi has been campaigning for years, realizing the good it does for the thousands of disabled in Ontario. "I know from experience that the March of Dimes does help, both myself and others," she said.

Scholarship honors former college employee

Douglas L. Finch, former chairman of Niagara College's school of business, and staff member from 1968 to 1981, died Sunday, Jan. 20, at Hotel Dieu Hospital in St. Catharines.

Mr. Finch, 76, began his career at Niagara College teaching economics. He transferred into the continuing education division where he co-ordinated the delivery of all business courses offered at night.

Mr. Finch made a big contribution to the college by starting the certificate programs which have since gained considerable popularity among continuing education students, Ivar Noren, director applied arts division, said.

The Douglas L. Finch Scholarship was created when Mr. Finch retired in 1981 with $1,000 raised during the scholarship's first year. Since then the award has been given to the graduate with the highest average in the continuing education business certificate program.

"He was always upbeat and was always smiling," Mr. Noren said. "Even when the guy was in trouble, he was able to see something humorous. He was very creative and was an all around positive, friendly person." Mr. Noren worked closely with Mr. Finch for 10 years.

A private funeral service will be held at Hulse and English Funeral Home Saturday at 2 p.m. at Queen Street Baptist Church, 57 Queen St., St. Catharines.

Instead of flowers, family members have requested donations be made to the Douglas L. Finch Scholarship Foundation through the Financial Aids Office at Niagara College, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario or The Canadian Cancer Society.

'Bad Apple' rocker visits college Feb. 6

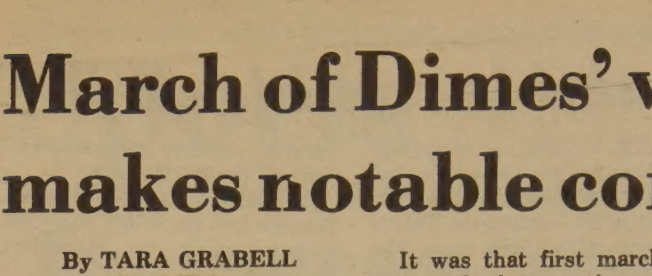
The "Bad Apple" is back.

Canadian rocker David Wilcox will take the stage at Niagara College Feb. 6 in support of his "Natural Edge" album.

Mr. Wilcox is known for his sedate and laid-back stage show, and is in great demand at Ontario colleges. However, the Student Administrative Council managed to secure first booking for this year's tour.

"We're really lucky to get him,' SAC president Cory Abt said. "We were on the phone with his agent every half hour last year to get him, and they finally gave us first booking for his tour. We've sold about a million tickets for this one."

Mr. Wilcox will be performing in Niagara's Welland campus cafeteria at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the SAC office, ME101, for $12 advance. Tickets will cost $14 at the door.



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